Supply of gas by ONGC to Uran Gas Turbine Power Station

*359. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) at what price gas is supplied by the ONGC to Uran Gas Turbine Power Station of MSEB in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra have represented against the high price of gas; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The latest price being billed for gas supplied by ONGC to Uran gas turbine power station of Maharashtra State Electricity Board is Rs. 286.980 per Million Kilo Calories. However, MSEB have not been paying at this rate.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question of fixing the price of natural gas is under consideration of the Government.

Foreign trade mark for sale of goods in India

*360. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether it is the Government of India's policy not to allow the use of foreign trade mark for sale of goods within India?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): As a general policy, foreign brand names are not allowed for use on products for internal sales, although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported. A condition to this effect is accordingly incorporated in all approvals for foreign collaboration.

News report captioned Trade Marks Machinery on the verge of collapse'

1708. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the press report captioned "Trade Marks Machinery on the verge of collapse" which appeared in the Economic Times of June 27, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that Trade Mark Registry is overloaded and that it takes any where from six months to five years to get Trade Marks if registered; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is a normal backlog of applications for Registration of Trade Marks due to very large receipts which involve prior search and examination and every effort is being made to speed up the examination of these applications.

Brand names for luxury goods

1709. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of foreign brand names is not banned in respect of all luxury and consumer goods produced and sold in India; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As a general policy, foreign brand names are not allowed for use on products for internal sales, athough there is

no objection to their use on products to be exported. A condition to this effect is accordingly incorporated in all approvals for foreign collaboration.

Foreign collaboration proposal to use foreign brand name

1710. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several companies are coming forward with foreign collaboration proposals with obvious intention to use the Foreign Brand Names; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that Indian brand names are promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As a general policy, Government is not permitting the use of foreign brand names on items meant for internal sales, To enforce this the following condition is put in the approvals for foreign collaboration:

"Foreign brand names will not be allowed for use on the products for internal sales, although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported."

Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd.

1711. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when, according to the collaborators' feasibility report the Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd. is likely to break even and whether it continued to incurlosses till 1978-79; and

(b) what were the rated capacity of Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd. and the annual ootput from 1979-80 to 1985-86 with reasons for low output?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) As per the project report the company was expected to break-even in 1971-72. Due to lack of orders and consequent low capacity utilisation, the company containued to incur losses till 1978-79.

(b) The installed capacity is 23,210 tonnes per annum. The production from 1979-80 to 1985-86 is as under:—

Year	Production (MT)
1979-80	6,020
1980-81	13,949
1981-82	13,298
1982-83	12,930
1983-84	10,964
1984-85	12,676
1985-86	15,401

Inadequate orders and change over to high technology products are the main reasons for low output.

News-Item Captioned 'Koir Pyth—a Source of Fuel'

1712. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Koir Pyth—A SOURCE OF FUEL" in the 'Hindu' of the 20th June, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that Shri A. T. R. Swamy, Commerce student of National College, Trichy was denied of the barest minimum encoura-